



2018 Summer Marching Band July 4th Performance

Dear DGN & DGS Marching Band Members:

Thank you for your participation in the July 4th community parade hosted by the Village of Downers Grove. We appreciate your willingness to represent District 99, as well as your high school, during this important performance. It's possible that more community members will see/hear our bands perform in this parade than all of our 'indoor' concerts – combined – during the school year. You are also providing an important service to the local community by sharing your musical talents as our nation celebrates Independence Day.

Uniform:

- ❑ Khaki (beige) dress shorts (no jeans or athletic shorts, but cargo okay) and belt (if appropriate). Shorts should be long enough that they extend to or past a student's finger-tips when their hands are held at their side.
- ❑ SOLID WHITE short-sleeved t-shirt to wear under the D99 polo shirt we will give you at the line-up. No tank-tops please. No logos or imprinting on the shirt that would be seen under the shirt we provide you.
- ❑ White socks
- ❑ Tennis shoes (preferably white/light in color).

***Please do *not* bring**

- ❑ Hats of any kind, patriotic or other. Our goal is to look uniform; please express your individuality before or after the parade.
- ❑ Sunglasses, unless they are prescription from your doctor.

Large School Owned Instruments (Percussion and Marching Brass)

Large school instruments (like Percussion and Marching Brass) may be stored in the North High Band Room after the rehearsal on, July 2, 2018, at DGN. Students may pick these up for the parade on July 4th at 12:00 noon.

All other instrumentalists and Guard:

Students should report to the DGN Football Stadium at 12:00 noon to receive their school-issued uniform shirt. Please arrive in full uniform (except for the shirt that we will give you). Smaller instruments should not bring your instrument case, unless you want to walk back to DGN at the end of the parade to pick it up! **Have your instrument put together, and leave the case in your car when you are dropped off.** Larger cases (baritone, tenor sax, etc.) have the option of storing cases on the bus and/or trailer during the parade, and they will be available for you at the end of the parade route.

Sheet Music & Audio Recording

The music that the combined band will perform this year is “Stars & Stripes Forever.” We will not carry sheet music on lyres during the parade, so **each student is asked to memorize this music prior to the performance**. Copies of the music, and a practice audio file, may be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/D99July4Music>

Day of Parade Tips

1. Eat a great breakfast and drink water before the parade. It’s important to stay hydrated! (Volunteers will walk next to the band during the parade and use spray bottles to cool students down as needed. Additionally, DGN & DGS Boosters will provide water before and after the parade.)
2. Apply sun screen/block for the parade.

Schedule for July 4th

12:00 noon	Report to DGN Football Stadium. <u>Use the entrance off Prince St. to gain access. Look for Staff/Drum Majors near the Field House for shirt distribution.</u>
12:10 PM	Section & group warm-ups.
12:30 PM	Students will move to parade, staging north of the DGN tennis courts on Sherman Rd. between Prince St. & Main St.
12:45 PM	Downers Grove Parade
1:30 PM	Approximate time our band will reach the end of the DG parade: corner of Warren & Forest. Students will load large instruments into bus/trailer. <i>All uniform polo shirts will be returned at this time!</i>



I WANT TO THANK YOU
FOR PLAYING IN THE
DISTRICT 99 MARCHING BAND!